

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 670—RECOGNIZING THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ENACTMENT OF THE PAUL WELLSTONE AND PETE DOMENICI MENTAL HEALTH PARITY AND ADDICTION EQUITY ACT OF 2008

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. SMITH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. CARPER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CARDIN, and Ms. COLLINS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

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Whereas, on October 3, 2008, the Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 (subtitle B of title V of Public Law 110-343) (referred to in this preamble as the “MHPAEA”) was signed into law;

Whereas the MHPAEA ensures that employer-based group health plans and group and individual health insurance issuers that provide mental health or substance use disorder coverage do not impose less favorable limitations on mental health or substance abuse use disorder benefits than on medical or surgical benefits;

Whereas parity protections have been found to decrease out-of-pocket costs for mental health and substance use disorder services;

Whereas, according to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, in 2017, 18,200,000 individuals in the United States ages 12 and older needed substance use treatment but did not receive specialty treatment in the past year;

Whereas, in the United States in 2017, an estimated 2 out of 5 adults with any mental illness and ½ of adults with serious mental illness who had unmet needs for mental health services did not receive treatment because those individuals could not afford the cost of care; and

Whereas parity in insurance coverage for behavioral health services consistent with the requirements of the MHPAEA can pro-

vide access to life-saving treatment and services: Now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commemorates October 3, 2018, as the tenth anniversary of the enactment of the Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 (subtitle B of title V of Public Law 110-343);

(2) declares access to behavioral health services a priority; and

(3) supports enforcement of the Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 to protect individuals in the United States who are in need of access to insurance coverage for behavioral health services.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Colleen Ernst, special counsel on my Judiciary Committee staff, be granted floor privileges for the duration of today's session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to provisions of Public Law 106-79, appoints the following Senator to the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission: The Honorable DAN SULLIVAN of Alaska.

The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, pursuant to Public Law 115-232, appoints the following individual to serve as a member of the Cyberspace Solarium Commission: The Honorable BEN SASSE of Nebraska (Senate).

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding rule XXII, following leader re-

marks on Wednesday, October 10, Senator SCHUMER or his designee be recognized to make a motion to proceed to S.J. Res 63; further that the time until 11:30 a.m. be equally divided between the leaders or their designees for use on the joint resolution and message concurrently; further, that at 11:30 a.m., all postcloture time on the motion to concur in the House amendments be considered expired and the motion to concur with further amendment be withdrawn; finally, that following the disposition of the motion to concur, all time on S.J. Res 63 be considered expired and the Senate vote on the joint resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 10, 2018

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m., Wednesday, October 10; further, that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed; finally, that the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly conference meetings.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M.
TOMORROW

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:01 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, October 10, 2018, at 10 a.m.